

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 2006-289-C - ORDER NO. 2006-639
NOVEMBER 2, 2006

IN RE: Application of West Carolina Rural Telephone) ORDER ON
Cooperative, Inc. for Alternative Regulation) ALTERNATIVE
Plan Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-9-) REGULATION PLAN
576)

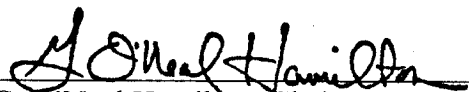
This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (“the Commission”) on West Carolina Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.’s (“West Carolina’s” or “the Coop.’s”) Application for an Alternative Regulation Plan, filed pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-9-576.

West Carolina has elected to have the rates, terms, and conditions of its services determined pursuant to the alternative regulation plan described in S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-9-576(B). Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-9-576(A), any local exchange carrier (LEC) may elect to have the rates, terms and conditions of its services determined pursuant to the alternative regulation plan described in S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-9-576(B), provided that the Commission has approved a local interconnection agreement in which the local exchange carrier (“LEC”) is a participant with an entity determined by the Commission not to be affiliated with the LEC. By affidavit, David J. Herron, General Manager of the Coop., certified that Western Carolina is not affiliated with Charter Fiberlink SC-CCO, with whom it has an interconnection agreement. This Commission has approved that interconnection agreement. Accordingly, we hold that

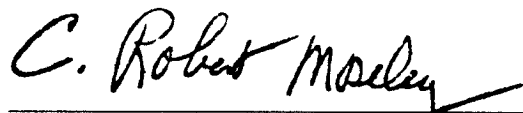
Western Carolina and Charter Fiberlink SC-CCO are not affiliated and that Western Carolina's election of alternative regulation pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-9-576(B) is effective as of October 16, 2006.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


G. O'Neal Hamilton, Chairman

ATTEST:


C. Robert Moseley, Vice Chairman

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